Sovereign Grace Church

April 16th, 2023

We gather together
Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. and
Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m.

Nursery available for 4 years old and younger

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(Numbers 6:26)

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The unclean shall not pass over it, but it shall be for those. Now what does that mean—*"the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those"*? (Isaiah 35:8) I will tell you. It does not say the unclean shall not touch it, but, shall not pass over it. So that, the moment a poor unclean sinner is brought by faith to put a single foot on this way, that moment he becomes clean. The way itself makes him clean; and, therefore, he passes over it, pure in the sight of God. And as this way makes clean all who come upon it, there shall be none of the lions of hell there, nor the ravenous beasts of the world; but the redeemed *shall* walk there; and they shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away. [AMEN!] — William Gadsby [1885].

Welcome

SINNERS are welcome at Sovereign Grace Church. We are a local body of the Lord Jesus Christ. As you spend time with us, you'll soon discover we're an imperfect assembly, with an imperfect pastor, yet by God's *undeserved* grace, we preach, believe, and know the perfect gospel of our never failing Lord Jesus Christ. Reader, we call His name Jesus for He shall (not might, not maybe) rather He shall save His people from their sins. And beloved believing sinner you already know it! You are *complete in Him*, saved to the *uttermost* [Colossians 2:10, Hebrews 7:25].

Announcements

Happy Birthday!

Betty Groover, April 17th

Rowen Spring, April 18th

Resources

BE sure to visit our website for gospel articles, live messages, and resources.

Who Can Tell?

"Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift."
(2 Corinthians 9:15)

ONE of the hardest tasks for a child of God is to describe The Lord Jesus, as He is known to them. How do you articulate what is so wonderfully known to you, how do you express in words what Christ is to *you*, what He *means* to you?

To whom or what can you compare Him? There is no one on earth like Him; there is none in heaven itself like Him. Who has the glory The Lord Jesus has? Not the sun in all its glory and brightness shines as Our Savior does. There is nothing on this earth which can take His place in the believer's heart. Everything speaks of Him to us. We need water to live; He is the Water of Life. We need bread to satisfy our hunger, Our Lord is our True Bread by which we live. We need shelter from the storms we encounter in this life; He is the Rock in whom we hide. We need warmth when it is cold inside and out, He is our Sun.

When our souls are sick and cast down within us, He is our physician and always gives us the medicine we need to make us well again.

We get lonely and feel as if we don't have anyone who knows or understands us, we know we have Him who knows all things, and who is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.

With all the joys we have in this life, it is nothing compared to the joy we have in believing Our Lord Jesus, in trusting Him with our souls for everything we need in time and eternity.

Of all the wonderful sights we have seen in this world, mountains, valleys, rivers, great cities, all the monuments made to honor men, to us who believe, the sight of The Lord Jesus Christ was and is the most blessed sight we have ever had. One day, very soon we shall see Him as He is and be like Him. OH! What a Day that will be. [AMEN!] — Donnie Bell

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Can You Have Faith And Unbelief At The Same Time?

"…Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief."
(Mark 9:24)

LORD, I believe, help thou mine unbelief. Is this a contradiction? Can you have faith and unbelief at the same time? Absolutely! As a matter of fact, wherever you have real faith, you will always have unbelief right alongside of it. Why is that? Because we still have an evil nature. That evil nature *does not* believe. That evil nature *cannot* believe! It is the new nature that believes. If we only have one nature, faith and unbelief at the same time would be impossible. But because every believer has two distinct natures, called by our Lord *the flesh* and *the spirit,* our cry is continually, *"Lord, I believe, help Thou mine unbelief."* [AMEN!] — Todd Nibert

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"Raising children is not easy"

"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." (Proverbs 22:6)

YOUNG parents: Raising children is not easy. It requires wisdom, patience, consistency, and most importantly, love. Many mistakes will be made along the way. No honest parent can look back without many regrets. I have heard it said that it is the most important job with the least amount of training one can have. Yet, as believers, we do have a perfect example in our loving Heavenly Father. May the Lord give us the grace to follow Him.

There are three things children will not learn unless they are taught. Our loving Heavenly Father teaches each and every one of His children these same three things: 1) respect for authority; 2) take responsibility for their actions; and 3) be considerate toward others. Jails are full of men and women who have never been taught these three basic lessons. The ultimate form of respecting authority is to bow in submission and worship to our sovereign and omnipotent God. The ultimate form of taking responsibility for one's self is to be made a sinner. No excuses, no exceptions. When the Spirit of God makes one a sinner they have no one to blame but themselves. And, the ultimate form of being considerate toward others is the unfeigned love the Lord puts in our hearts for all the brethren. This love is manifest not in word but in deed and in truth [1 John 3:18].

Though we will fail many times in training a child in the way he should go, our God has never failed. When we are brought to see, in the preaching of the gospel, what the Lord has done for us in Christ, we will bow in grateful submission, we will willingly confess our sin, and we will love God's people. To our young parents, do you see why it is vital to have your children under the preaching of the gospel? It is the only place for them to be taught of God. [AMEN!] — Greg Elmquist

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"The LORD…give thee Peace"

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Once a child of God has been graced to receive: blessings, being kept, God's face to shine upon them, graciousness, God's countenance lifted up upon them; they can not but have the "Peace" of God that passes all understanding! This last phrase: and the Lord give thee Peace; is the by-product or I should say the *result* of all that the Anointed One has done for the sheep of His fold. Is it possible to have peace upon this wretched earth? Yes and Amen; all in the person and worth of our dearly Beloved! Oh, I want/need peace in such a world as this is, you look around you and there is none to be found upon the foundations of this globe. But just as *the word of truth* is sure to all the seed, I can say without question and without doubt: It is well with the righteous. Why? Because Christ has died, yea, rather is risen again and is even at the right hand of God. Brethren, we want, desire peace: peace with God, peace with our neighbor, peace within and peace without. How can such a thing be had? Look I say, Look upon the Brazen Serpent and live; live abundantly, live freely, live to worship Him and live in peace by the Son as He has purchased for each and everyone of His chosen. Bless God through our Lord Jesus Christ, we have peace! [AMEN!] — Drew Dietz

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